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FORMING APPARATUS  
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**RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 20, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 4 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: